Withdrawal of facilities to ex-employees of ONGC

2477. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical facilities enjoyed by the ex-employees and their spouses so far have been restricted by ONGC with an intention to curtail expenditures and to make more profits;

(b) if so, whether it is not an anti-employee stance; and

(c) whether Government would review it and ask the ONGC to revise their decision to help its cx-cmployccs and their spouses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

Exploration of CBM in Jharkhand

2478. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government expect an investment of around Rs. 270 crores for the exploration and production of coal bed methane in the five blocks awarded to the ONGC-IOC combine;

(b) if so, whether the ONGC-IOC have plans for joint venture of investing Rs. 70 crorc in Bokaro and Rs. 39 crorc in the North Karanpura blocks in Jharkhand;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned six new pilot projects for the production of gasohol mixture of 5 per cent cthanol and petrol;

(d) if so, the details of these projects; and

(e) the name of the places where these will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) In the first offer of blocks under Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Policy, Government has awarded two blocks namely North Karanpura (NK-CBM-2001/1) and Bokaro (BK-CMB-2001/)

both in Jharkhand State to the consortium of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). As per the CBM Policy, the work programme has been divided into four phases with Phase-I (Exploration), Phasc-II (Pilot assessment for commerciality of production and market identification), Phase-IH (Development) and Phase-IV (Production). The contractor has a walkout option at the end of Phase-I and Phasc-II. The estimated expenditure by the ONGC-IOC consortium in Phasc-I and Phasc-II for these two blocks is given below:—

(In crores)

	Phasc-I	Pasc-II	Total
NK-CBM-20014	15.93	22.89	38.82
BK-CBM-2001/1	25.15	45.88	71.03

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The locations of these six pilot projects arc given below:—

Location	State
1. Rajamundry	Andhra Pradesh
2. Bhatinda	Punjab
3. Pathankot	Punjab
4. Gonda	Uttar Pradesh
5. Nazibabad	Uttar Pradesh
6. Panki, Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh